

## OFFICIAL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### June 2011

Our Building Fund giving for May was \$5,307.50, and we received Memorial Gifts in the amount of \$2,735.00.

Through our Christian Action and Community Service Committee, we are giving \$50.00 to the Show-Me Christian Youth Home for the month of June.

The Clothes Closet needs summer clothes and undergarments for all ages.

The Food Center always needs non-perishable foods and hygiene items. We have collection boxes in the Christian Life Center lobby for donations that will help others in our community.

We currently have over 2,600 Best Choice, Campbell's, and Swanson barcodes bagged and ready to send to Woodhaven. There is still time to add any barcodes you have to this shipment. Please leave them in the Parlor kitchen.

Our thanks to all those who have volunteered to teach the K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class during the summer months.

The Christian Women's Fellowship ladies are traveling to Windsor for the Henry-Johnson County Joint Meeting on June 7. Our CWF recently contributed \$500.00 toward the Joplin, Missouri, tornado relief.

The repairs to the basement kitchen will soon be completed.

We will be starting work toward fixing the water leak in the basement and eventually do the landscaping at the front of the church.

We have had a problem with removal of our signs at the location of the Farmer's Market; in the recent past, three signs have been torn up or removed. We are working to remedy this situation.

We have been actively investigating the costs involved in tearing down our building on the lot north of our church in order to provide additional parking. Our building is connected to a building owned by another business, and disconnecting the two buildings would be a difficult task. Several options have been discussed in order to move forward with this project, but all options are very costly. After lengthy discussion, the Board decided to take no action at this time in regard to this proposal.

Our World Outreach giving for May was \$1,087.76; this was disbursed to BMF Disciples Mission Fund, Ozark Lakes Area, and Johnson County Habitat for Humanity. Our church has also done a great job helping with the Joplin tornado relief. We have sent \$1,910.00 to Week of Compassion, and Pastor Basye delivered \$1000.00 to our Ozark Lakes Area Office from our members. So far, we have contributed nearly \$3,000.00 for those in need in Joplin, Missouri.

The Ruth Newton Scholarships have been awarded to our members who are attending college.

The Food Resource Bank volunteers have planted beans. The income from the crop will be used to help people in other countries.

Pastor Basye stated the storm events of late May lay heavy on our hearts and minds. We are all concerned and want to help. After attending two recent meetings, he has discerned the following:

- At this point, cash donations are the best simply because those agencies that are 'in the know' can use the cash to get exactly what is needed. Most relief spots are overflowing with used clothing and other items that simply cannot be used.
- Clean-up and hygiene buckets are also a good idea and would be greatly used. We've made these for Festival of Sharing in the past.
- Taking a group to Joplin right now is not advised and, in fact, is discouraged. A group from Harrisonville Christian Church went recently, and they ended up just standing around. It's even suggested that more help will be needed toward the fall.
- We need to continue to Pray, Pay, and Stay. The devastation is great, but can be overcome.

Pastor Basye and Vyrdel will be going to General Assembly in Nashville on July 9 – 12. Following the Assembly, they plan to go to the Gulf Coast in Alabama for vacation. They will be gone on Sunday, July 10, and Sunday, July 17. Melissa Bowers will preach both Sundays.

Our next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m. You are invited to join us as we discuss the work of the church.

Donna Elliott, Board Secretary